

On the 13th of August, Manteo was baptized, and honored with some new title, in reward for his long attachment to the English. On the 18th of the same month, the first child was born among the English colonists of this country. This was a daughter of Mrs. Ananias Dare, who was a daughter of Governor White.

One hundred persons, who were pleased with the appearance of the country, and not discouraged by the fate of their predecessors, were left, as a colony, on one of the islands near cape Hatteras. The remainder, with their vessels, were now ready to sail for England, when a controversy arose, as to which of the officers of the new colony, of whom there were twelve, should go to England as an agent for the rest. All but one declined going; and, unluckily, the whole company agreed that this one was the most unfit man among them. They declined his offer, therefore, and persuaded Mr. White to undertake the management of their business in England. He arrived at Portsmouth in the fall of 1587.

The fleet is said to have touched at a port in Ireland, on its way, and to have left some potatoes there; which have since become so generally both a necessary and a luxury with the Irish. This plant, like tobacco, was a native root of the American soil.

On his arrival in England, Mr. White exerted himself, as requested by the colony, in procuring them supplies. But he met with great difficulties.